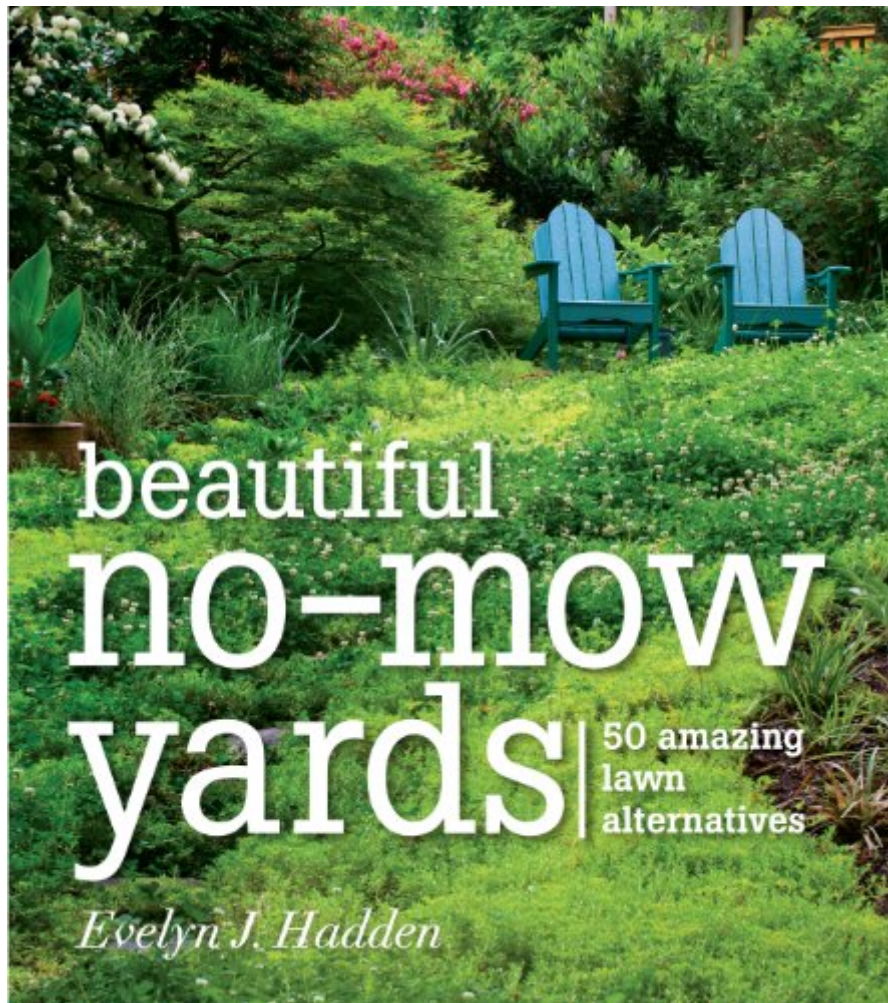




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Beautiful No-Mow Yards: 50 Amazing Lawn Alternatives



Synopsis

With Beautiful No-Mow Yards, you can transform your lawn into a livable garden and bring nature's beauty into your life! What has your perfect green lawn done for you lately? Is it really worth the time, effort, and resources you lavish on it? Armed with encouragement, inspiration, and cutting-edge advice from award-winning author Evelyn Hadden, you can liberate yourself at last! In this ultimate guide to rethinking your yard, Hadden showcases dozens of inspiring, eco-friendly alternatives to that demanding (and dare we say boring?) green turf. Trade your lawn for a lively prairie or replace it with a runoff-reducing rain garden. Swap it for an interactive adventure garden or convert it to a low-maintenance living carpet.

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Customer Reviews

Beautiful No-Mow Yards: 50 Amazing Lawn Alternatives is an beautiful book on creating low maintenance, non blue grass lawns or garden areas. This book would serve very well as a coffee table book for any gardeners front room, as the pictures are plentiful, clear and vivid and colorful

and well captioned and beautiful. The book comes in three sections. The first section, about half the book, are descriptions and illustrations of over 50 beautiful garden spaces that once were lawns and now are filled with a wide variety of plants. The locations are spread from Minnesota to Wisconsin to California, with enough information and examples given to enable gardeners in every state to benefit. Many of the images are beautiful closeups of the plant. There are enough wide angle shots to keep most of us happy. Several of these examples were designed and planted by professionals who specialize in creating non grass areas. The second section is how to kill off your old tired bluegrass or other base plants. Mrs. Hadden emphasizes non chemical means like mulch or biodegradable fabric or newspaper and cardboard. Very generalized suggestions for planting techniques are made. These suggestions have to be very general in a book aimed nationwide. The third section is lists and descriptions of several different plants grouped by purpose. The book is well and clearly written. It reads well, although there is much information scattered through the text. It has an index. And the organization is well done so that much information can be found by referencing the table of contents. Mrs. Hadden leans toward common, native plants. Her plant selection, while excellent, includes several that are garden thugs and very invasive, although that is a property desired for some locations. In the third section, the plants descriptions, she does include zone information. But the user of this book would be well advised to select the plants for their zone, habitat and range carefully. Mrs. Hadden does also state this repeatedly in the text. I do like her pushing us to use natives as they blend in better with our various niches and pollinators. This book is an excellent overview of moving into non blue grass landscaping. A good buy.

Not what I expected.....I returned it and appreciated the easy return from . Not as many photos as I would have liked and most of the plants and ideas weren't suitable for my northern yard.

I love gardening books, though often I find that like this one they're long on "inspiration" (2/3 of the book) but short on help for planning. While the book does advocate for planning based on your region, site, etc., it's less helpful than a beginner needs and more basic than an old hand needs. The author discusses some how-to's and gives some plant recommendations for specific purposes within the no-mow yard, there's little to help one design by region, by type of site (northern vs southern vs. midwest vs southwest vs northwest, etc. Dry high mountains in west vs wetter, lower mountains in AR/OK and east, vs all kinds of flat lands, etc. Large vs. small city vs town, etc.). Overall a nice book to read, but probably minimal help other than to look up plants and since only about a quarter of ones recommended are native, it won't take long to go through those.

I'm a licensed irrigator. I make my living by repairing sprinkler systems for homes and businesses. I'm building a new home and it will have a lot of low-water plants and drip irrigation only--and no grass. Not of the carpet/mow/uniform type, anyway. This book does a great job of giving specific plant names and ideas on placements and combinations. It tells how to start de-grassing your place by circling your trees with water stingy ground covers. Enjoyable and valuable.

Lest we feel this is the answer to all our mowing woes during a hot summer, the advice in this book can save us a lot of grief in the long run. It isn't as easy as one might think to go from 'grass to ground cover' without getting out of our depth. Are there any local community restrictions? Will the neighbors object? All points are considered.

This book is awful because I now have more ideas than I have lawn to do them in! All kidding aside, it has inspired me to chip away at my traditional tall fescue lawn and reduce its footprint year-by-year until I am left with very little or none.

Very nice book, but I wish it were more of a "how to". It did give some ideas for the yard, however.

I found this book at my local library and realized it was the ultimate manual for turning my grass yard into something beautiful, full of life and color, texture and energy!! I wanted to transform my yard into a garden and didn't know how to do it! This book clearly covers every detail, answers all my questions in a clear step by step manner, walking me through the process!! I had to own it, to be able to refer to it easily and often! I had purchased other books on and had always been pleased with the service and condition of the books!

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